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North Carolina, as a text book for the examination of students. This and the rapid sale of the first edition in this country, are pretty strong proof of the estimation in which it is held. Its reputation is well deserved. We may safely pronounce it to be the best treatise on Equity, of its plan and compass that we have. Mr. Adams has given the profession, in a shape suited both to the lawyer and the student, a comprehensive view of the equitable doctrines of the Court of Chancery, and at the same time of the modes of proceeding by which they are enforced. We have at first an introduction, which, after a sketch of the history of the Court, goes rapidly and summarily over the whole subject of equitable principles and pleading. The ground being thus mapped off, the body of the book is employed in filling up the outlines, and in the elaboration of details. This is done with a power of condensation, and at the same time with a distinctness, accuracy, and clearness, quite unusual. The book has also the great merit of avoiding as much as can be, those elaborate discussions of mooted points, which come to nothing, and serve only to distract the reader's attention.

The task of the American editors has been well performed. Their notes are frequent, able and full. At a rough calculation, over a thousand cases from our reports have been added. The typographical execution of the work is of the highest order. In paper and printing, no law books in the United States, surpass the recent publications of the Messrs. Johnson.

A selection of Leading Cases on various branches of the Law, with notes by John William Smith, Esq., of the Inner Temple; Barrister at law, from the third English edition, by Henry Singer Keating and James Shaw Willis, Esq'rs., of the Inner Temple; Barristers at Law. Fourth American edition, with additional Notes and References to American decisions, by J. I. Clark Hare and H. B. Wallace, in two volumes. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, 1852.

It is extremely difficult to speak of a book which has been so long and well known, as any commendation is wholly unnecessary. We are told in the preface, that this edition is reprinted from that of Messrs. Keating & Willis, with references to any later cases that may have occurred; that the American notes have been elaborately revised, and the recent American cases incorporated; the learned editors add, "that the present publication is believed to exhibit with fullness and correctness, *the actual state of the law*, as displayed in the adjudged cases of both countries upon the points discussed." This is most strictly true. We can assure our readers after

an examination and comparison of this with former editions, that Judge Hare and Mr. Wallace have added to the obligation under which they have already laid the profession by the additional matter in these volumes. They leave little to be desired in future editions, beyond the citation and analysis of the later authorities as they arise.

The Argument List of the Law Academy of Philadelphia, Session of 1852–53. Philadelphia: Printed for the Law Academy only.

We are pleased to see this new evidence of the prosperity of the Law Academy. For several years we have periodically received their contributions, and always read the cases stated, with pleasure. We think the Academy singularly fortunate in their selection of Prothonotary, Samuel C. Perkins, Esq., who is charged with the duty of collecting and arranging the questions to be mooted. He has evinced uncommon diligence and much skill, in the collection and statement of the numerous cases in this pamphlet, and the manner in which his duties have been performed will meet the approbation of all the friends of the Academy.

Our young friends of the Philadelphia bar, by the aid of the newly established Law Lectures in the University, and the Law Academy combined, can desire no better facilities for the acquisition of scholar-like legal attainments.

A Supplement to Wharton's Digest, containing the Reported Cases during the years 1850, 1851, and part of 1852, together with some manuscript cases. By Henry Wharton. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, 1852.

The destruction by fire of the establishment of the Messrs. Johnson, in December last, has obliged them to reprint many of their excellent publications. Wharton's Digest of Pennsylvania Reports, having shared the fate of its brethren, a new edition has been prepared, and is now about to issue from the press. In the meantime, the publishers considering that but a short time had elapsed since the former edition, have had, with a view to convenience and economy, the subsequent cases also gathered into a supplemental volume, which is the book before us. For obvious reasons, we cannot say more of this *interesting* work.